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**MS PATENT APPLICATION**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This is a Request for filing a  continuation  divisional  
 continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of  
pending prior Application No. 09/887,757 filed on July 21, 2001,  
the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by  
reference,  
by

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for

INJECTABLE HYALURONIC ACID DERIVATIVE WITH PHARMACEUTICALS/CELLS

1.  Enclosed is an application consisting of specification, claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if applicable).

2.  The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

			LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY
	BASIC FEE		\$770.00	\$385.00
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE FEE	RATE FEE
<b>TOTAL CLAIMS</b>	6-20 =	0	x 18 = \$0.00	x 9 = \$0.00
<b>INDEPENDENT CLAIMS</b>	2-3 =	0	x 86 = \$0.00	x 43 = \$0.00
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		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$770.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

3.  A check in the amount of \$0.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
4.  Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$770.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
5.  Enclosed is/are \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.
- 6a.  A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 09/887,757 on \_\_\_\_\_. See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.
- 6b.  The current application qualifies for small entity status.
7.  The prior application is assigned to Fidia Advanced Biopolymers, S.r.l.
8.  A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 9a.  Priority of Application No(s). \_\_\_\_\_ filed in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9b.  Priority of International Apnl. PCT/IB99/02077 filed on December 21, 1999 under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and Italian Application No. PD98A00298 filed in

Italy on December 21, 1998 under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and/or § 119 are hereby reclaimed.

10.  An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.

11.  Address all future communications to:

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12.  An extension of time for \_\_\_\_\_ month(s) until \_\_\_\_\_ has been submitted in parent Application No. 09/887,757 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.

13.  Also enclosed herewith is the following:

Express Mail Certificate (EV 404625113 US)

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment(s)

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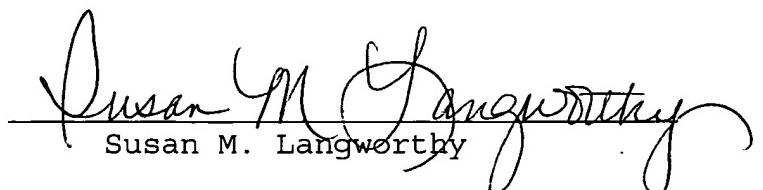
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